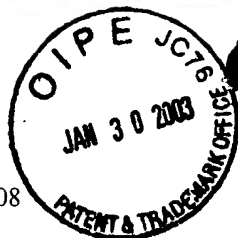


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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of October 30, 2002, the period for response extending until January 30, 2003, reconsideration of this action and allowance of all the claims of the present application are respectfully requested and are now believed appropriate in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

*Please amend the claims as follows (Marked-up copies of the amended claims are attached as an Appendix):*

53. (Amended) A machine for the production of a multi-layered fibrous web,  
comprising:

at least two formers for forming at least two layers in which each layer has a higher